



June 2004 – View looking east from Field 15 toward Field 3.  
The distant tree line is the Illinois River.



June 2004 – This abandoned grain truck carries the name of  
the previous property owner.





August 2004 – Recently inundated and drying field west of the main north-south ditch.



August 2004 – Cranes and other equipment believed to have been used to construct the levee were cut up and sold as scrap metal.





August 2004 – This gravity pipe and screw gate are located at the southwest corner of Field 1.



May 2005 – Staff from the Illinois Transportation Archeological Research Program (ITARP) survey the site for potential artifacts.





May 2005 – Remnants of a cistern from a pre-civil war settlement was unearthed by archeologists.



September 2006 – Natural regeneration is underway in Field 1.





September 2006 – *Boltonia asteroides* growing in Field 2. The state listed *Boltonia decurrens* has also been found at the site.



September 2006 – An improved access road was constructed under the first contract. Improvements to the levee and tile removal were also conducted.





October 2006 – 3-Gallon Swamp White Oak trees wait to be planted. Bitternut Hickory, Pecans and Pin Oak will also be planted.



October 2006 – This 2-year old Pin Oak is nearly 8' tall.





October 2006 – 4' tall hardware cloth tubes and 6' tall hardwood stakes wait to be erected to provide predator protection for the young trees.



January 2007 – Trees with 4' tall predator protection and weed barrier mat.





April 2007 – The majority of the wetland mitigation bank site is under water once again.



April 2007 – Water fowl pay frequent visits to the site.





May 2007 – Spring flooding took its toll on the site.



May 2007 – Wave action from flooding has caused damage to the backside of the levee.



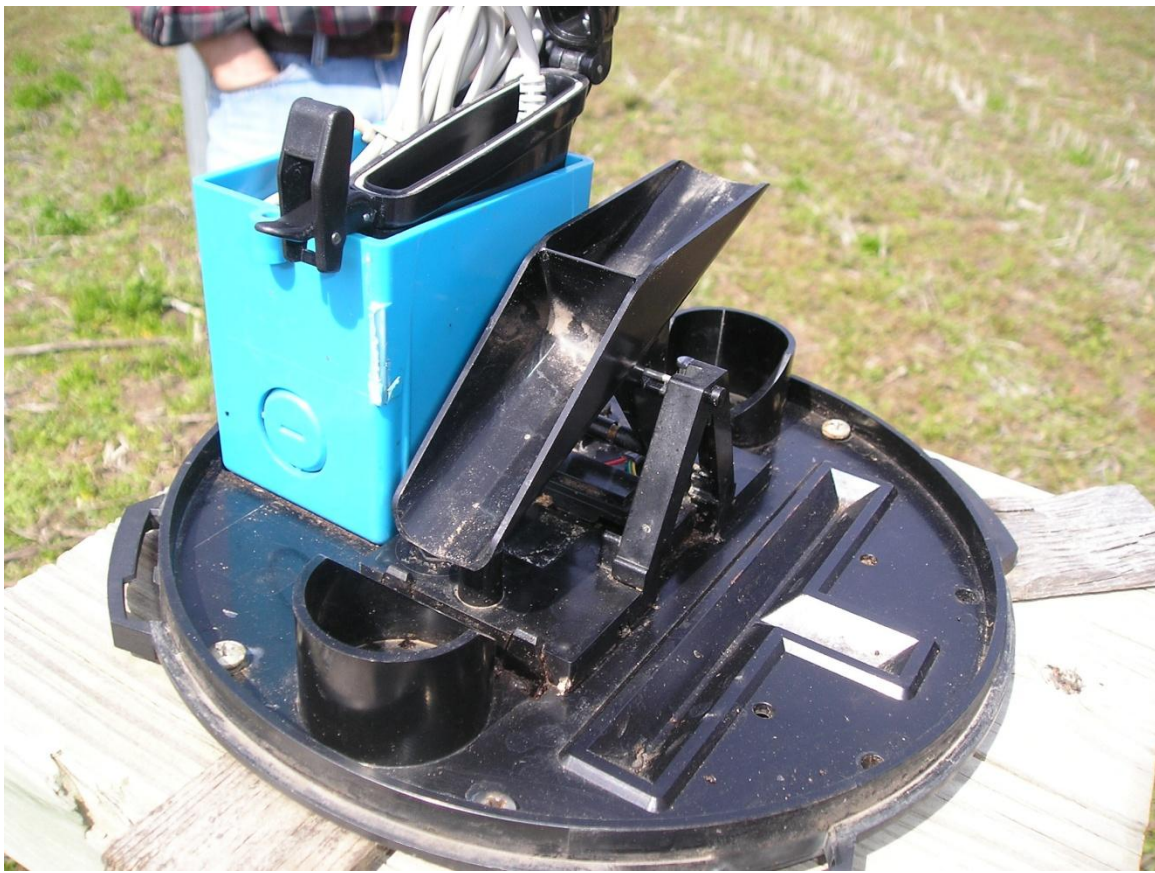


April 2008 – Trees are once again under water in Field 7.



April 2008 – Flooding continues to cause tree damage in Field 7.





April 2008 – This rain gauge is one of the many devices used to monitor hydrology at the site.



August 2008 – View looking southwest from the east levee.





August 2008 – View looking northwest from Bluff Road.



September 2008 – Young cottonwoods developing near the fire swamp.





September 2008 – The trees are barely visible in Field 7 as the herbaceous layer continues to develop.



September 2008 – Big Lake continues to hold water.





July 2009 – Large amounts of sediment were deposited at the site during the last flooding event.



July 2009 – The young trees in Fields 4 and 7 continue to struggle due to continued flooding.